



South Dakota High School Activities Association Journalism – News Writing

Contestant # _____

Contest Event _____

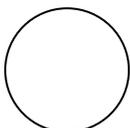
Adjudicator:

- **Circle the individual qualities** in each of the numbered characteristics that are descriptive of those exhibited in this Newswriting.
- Place the number in the space for each area which most closely matches the descriptors in the corresponding box.
- Total the scores (whole numbers only-**no half points**).
- Please add your comments and suggestions in the space provided (use back if necessary) and sign the form.

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Quality 1-10	Superior quality and perfect in nearly every detail 10-9	Above average quality, but lacks slightly in detail 8-6	Basic concept is good, but quality is not consistent throughout the piece 5-4	Basic quality is apparent, but underdeveloped for a high school piece 3-2	Quality is unacceptable 1
Writing 1-20	Well written, with a superior level of detail. No grammatical errors 20-17	Well written, with above average level of detail. Few grammatical errors 16-13	Average level of detail. Grammatical errors throughout 12-7	Below average level of detail. Grammatical errors throughout 6-2	Written text is unacceptable 1
Materials and Technique 1-20	The article is superior and finished with a great deal of care and attention to detail. 20-17	The article is finished with a high level of skill, but lacks a few finishing details or touches. With a little more effort, the work would be outstanding. 16-13	The article is adequate, but could still be improved upon with more care. 12-7	Finished project but it lacks finishing touches or could have been improved upon with more effort. 6-2	Unacceptable 1
Concept and Originality 1-30	Superior degree of originality exhibited throughout. Very unique solution; theme has been explored and elaborated on to a high degree. Complex solution. 30-25	Above average degree of originality throughout. Theme is present with some elaboration. 24-20	Article shows evidence that an idea was tried but it lacks originality. Average degree of originality; theme is present with little elaboration. 19-11	Article lacks creativity and original thought. Theme is not fully developed. 10-2	Article is unacceptable. Theme is very weak, trite, stereotypical or copied. 1
Cutline / Caption 1-5	Well written, with a superior level of detail about the piece. No grammatical errors 5	Well written, with above average level of detail about the piece. Few grammatical errors 4	Average level of detail about the piece. Grammatical errors throughout 3	Below average level of detail about the piece. Grammatical errors throughout 2	Unacceptable or non-existent 1

Adjudicator comments and suggestions for improvement	
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TOTAL POINTS



Signature of Adjudicator